When Paul was writing his second letter to the people of Corinth he wanted the people to see what they really had by being followers of Christ. The people of that day



Just a Thought

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were much like the people

of today. They dreamed of being wealthy, but didn't understand that they already were. If you take the time to read II Corinthians 4:1-7, you will see that they had something special in Christ, and Paul called it a 'treasure.' Paul called it incredible treasure, and he

wanted to be sure the people understood exactly what had been given to them.

Paul stressed the importance of understanding we are all 'ministers' of the Gospel. What does that mean? Let's take a moment and look at what we

- 1. We have a Divine call - The same God who saved us and forgave us of our sin called every one of us to be His ministers. This is not an optional call, it is real, and we must be about the Father's business. He has called us to be His servants, His messengers, and His witnesses to an abundant life. This call is not something we deserve. We can never be worthy of His mercy and grace (Romans 5:8).
- 2. We have a trustworthy life - There is an entire list of qualifications given in I Timothy 3, concerning workers in the church. These qualifications are largely based on an individual who has special

skills and consistently displays them. Paul's ministry was lined with honesty. Jesus told His disciples in John 8:32 that the truth shall set us free. Honesty is a must as a minister. He also stressed integrity as an intricate part of his life. In II Corinthians 4:2, Paul renounced secret and shameful ways. He wanted the believers to know that he never used deception as a part of his work. We must live life openly, available for all to see. God wants us to be transparent. There is no

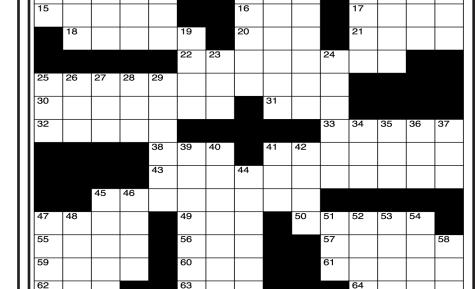
greater hindrance than the

loss of credibility.

3. We have an authentic message – One form of deception Paul had observed was a willingness to distort the Word of God (verse 2). Paul warned Timothy to rightly divide the Word (II Timothy 2:15), and there is nothing less that is acceptable. Realizing we have an authentic Word helps us want to convey its demand to others. The people wanted to mix Judaism with the New Covenant. We can distort the Gospel by reducing its demand (Romans 6:1, 2). We distort God's Word in

favor of our own word. We must understand that what we have to say is nothing in comparison to what God says.

4. We have a clear focus (verse 5) – Sometimes we forget to keep the first things first, but when it comes to Christ, we must remember He is our message. We are prone to believe that what we have to say is important, but it is not our words, our church or our denomination. We have been richly blessed in Christ Jesus, and He has given us an incredible treasure. The key questions is, "Will you use it?"



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Taylor University student newspaper captures second place in ICPA contest

The Echo, Taylor University's student newspaper, captured six first place awards, seven second place awards, and one third place award to finish second in Division 3 of the spring 2021 Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA)

In addition to Taylor, the ICPA's Division 3 includes Anderson University, Goshen College, Manchester College, and Wabash College.

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Answers to puzzles

Junior Holly Gaskill won four awards – three firsts and a second. Sophomore Markus Miller also won four individual awards with a first, two seconds, and a third-place award. Additionally, The Echo's editorial board won a second-place award for an op-ed piece.

"The Echo team's recognition at this statewide level is well-deserved," said Dr. Alan Blanchard, Associate Professor of Journalism and the faculty adviser for the newspaper.

"The Echo is made up of great team of students from a variety of majors from across campus," Blanchard added. "The students work very hard creating compelling, interesting stories week in and week out. And the Taylor University community benefits from their creative skills and talents that include writing, editing, photography, graphic design, and more."

CLUES ACROSS

1. Prevents harm to young

5. "Losing My Religion" rockers 33. Male aristocrat

8. Partner to pan

11. Cavalry unit

13. Peyton's little brother

14. Mexican dish

15. Disseminates info to the public 47. Helps to heal

16. Set an animal on

17. Canadian flyers

18. Elongated mouths of anthropods

20. I (German)

21. Opposite of west

22. Glows

Answers to puzzle on Page

25. Measures how quickly a car moves

30. One who has gained wealth

31. Patti Hearst's captors

32. Extensive landed property

38. For each

41. More fidgety

43. Very happy

45. A place to store info

49. 12th month (abbr.)

50. Broad, shallow craters

55. Nocturnal S. American rodent

56. Frost

57. Ethiopian town

59. Curved shapes

60. Company that rings receipts

34. Unit of electrical resistance

61. Spiritual leader

62. Sheep native to Sweden

63. Cars need it

29. Tyrant

64. Partner to relaxation

CLUES DOWN

1. Scientist's high-resolution tool (abbr.)

2. Type of school

3. Formal close (music) 4. Transmits high voltage

5. A way to occupy a certain area 39. Avoiding being caught

6. Draws out

7. His Airness

8. Nocturnal rodents

9. South American plants

10. Homestead

12. Bland or semiliquid food

14. Forest resident

19. The body needs it 23. Atomic mass unit (abbr.)

24. Spell

25. Relaxing place

26. Political fundraising tool

27. Make a mistake 28. Partner to Adam

40. __ de Mornay, actress 41. Belonging to a thing

35. A history of one's life

36. Actor DiCaprio

42. Not us

37. Sea eagle

44. Motorcars

45. Capital of Bangladesh 46. Ancient Greek sophist

47. Practice boxing

48. __ Grant, actor

51. Swiss river

52. S. Sudan river

53. A bumpkin

54. One point south of southwest 58. Small island (British)

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!